Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—At least seeing the desirability and importance of the thing, will the Government be pleased to take the preliminary steps next year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Remarks of the Hon'ble Member will be noted.

Admission—Maharaja's College.

214. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House :—

(a) whether there was any order from the University of Madras restricting the number of admissions into the College classes of the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, this year ;

(b) what was the number allowed by the University ;

(c) had admissions to be refused because of this restriction ; if so, how many ;

(d) what is the present strength of the College classes ;

(e) of the students now in College, how many are bonafide Cochinites ;

(f) on what principle, if any, were the admissions made ;

(g) does the Government know the reason why the University ordered this restriction ;

(h) is the restriction still in force ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) 450.

(c) Yes. 310.

(d) 557.

(e) 443.

(f) Convenience of the people, efficiency of the institution and certain rulings of Government.

(g) Due apparently to lack of accommodation.

(h) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Why was in the face of this restriction, i.e. restricting the number to 450, a number of 557 students admitted, after refusing admission to 310? Why did the Government go against the direction of the University?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because of the inconvenience it caused to our students.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Did not they refuse admission to 310?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This number of 310 did not come in an hour or two. Government thought that they would restict admissions to the correct number. But it was not possible. So more admissions were made.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was this excess number of students admitted after any correspondence or interview with the University authorities?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any truth in the rumour that is afloat that the Maharaja's College is going to send out 37 students after keeping them for two months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot answer in the matter of rumours.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will all the students now in the College be retained for the whole year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—So far as Government know, they will be retained.

Tanks in Kaiparamba Panchayat.

215. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Kaiparamba Panchayat has been asking for funds for repairing the following tanks in the Anjoor Village, *viz.*, (1) കൊള്ളന്നൂർകുളം (2) പള്ളിക്കുളം (3) അരാരകുളം;

(b) how long the Panchayat had been asking like this and what is the amount asked for;

(c) has the Government conducted any inquiry into the necessity for having these tanks repaired;

(d) what is the population of the Anjoor Village;

(e) what is the land tax collected from the village;

(f) will the Government be pleased to sanction the repair of these tanks at once?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) From 1097 onwards. Rs. 350, Rs. 500 and Rs. 300 respectively.

(c) No special enquiry appears to have been made.

(d) 2,241.

(e) Rs. 2,146—8—0.

(f) Enquiries will be made regarding the necessity for repairing these tanks and provision made in the future budgets according to the urgency and usefulness of the works and the availability of funds.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—This village of 2,241 inhabitants has been petitioning the Government for a small amount of Rs. 350 for repairing three tanks in their village. I am told in answer to (c) that no special inquiry seems to have been made and the answer to (f) is enquiries will be made regarding the necessity etc'. Am I to understand that Government did not inquire into this matter for the last 10 years although incessant appeals were made by the Panchayat for want of inclination to the Government to help this Panchayat or for their want of influence in the Government Department.

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